

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS24448

This legislation updates the scope of chiropractic practice regarding the manner in which licensed Idaho chiropractic physicians utilize and administer natural and/or nutritional substances in the course of their practice. The bill provides a specific definition and outlines the use of clinical nutritional methods by Idaho chiropractic physicians.

The bill also establishes a chiropractic specialty certificate in clinical nutrition for those licensed chiropractic physicians who meet a specific set of criteria and educational requirements. Those individual licensees that meet the qualifications established within the bill can obtain a specialty certificate in clinical nutrition in order to prescribe, administer, dispense, recommend or utilize natural or nutritional substances via intravenous or injectable routes of administration.

The language within the bill establishes:

- A specific set of post-doctoral educational coursework that all chiropractic licensees must complete in order to obtain a specialty certificate in clinical nutrition.
- The structure, membership and duties of a formulary council that would identify the specific natural substances that could be prescribed, administered, dispensed or utilized by chiropractic physicians holding a specialty certificate in clinical nutrition.
- A specific set of restrictions that limit the substances that can be approved by the formulary council for use by chiropractic physicians holding a specialty certificate in clinical nutrition.
- A specific set of safety standards and continuing education for those chiropractic physicians holding a specialty certificate in clinical nutrition.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund. Minimal costs for the development and meetings of the formulary council would be absorbed through currently established licensing fees.

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